

What is claimed is:

1. A disposable insect control member, comprising:
a substrate having a thickness and a flexural modulus, one of the thickness and the flexural modulus being defined by the other so as to satisfy a prescribed criterion; and
an insect-interactive material supported on the substrate.

2. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the prescribed criterion is a ratio between the thickness and the flexural modulus.

3. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the prescribed criterion is a range of ratios between the thickness and the flexural modulus.

4. The insect control member as in claim 3, wherein the substrate is polyethylene and the thickness is at least about 0.5 mils.

5. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein a material for the substrate is selected from the group of: polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, polycarbonate, polyvinyl chloride, and polystyrene.

6. The insect control member as in claim 5, wherein a range of thicknesses that satisfy the prescribed criterion are defined by the material selected for the substrate.

7. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the substrate is a predetermined polymer and wherein the predetermined polymer has a range of thicknesses that satisfy the prescribed criterion.

8. The insect control member as in claim 7, wherein the polymer is an unfilled homopolymer.

9. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the substrate includes a front surface which defines a central insect-interactive zone and a peripheral sealing zone that surrounds the insect-interactive zone, and wherein the insect-interactive material is within the insect-interactive zone.

10. The insect control member as in claim 9, wherein the substrate further includes a generally central folding axis, the substrate being foldable about the central folding axis to a stowed position wherein a first half of the front surface folds upon a second half of the front surface, and being unfoldable to a usable position wherein first and second halves of the front surface are exposed.

11. The insect control member as in claim 10, further comprising a sealing material located within the sealing zone, the sealing material being adapted to selectively seal and protect the insect-interactive material when the substrate is in the stowed position.

12. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the insect-interactive material is sticky and adapted to adhere a contacting insect to the substrate.

13. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the insect-interactive material comprises an oil-based composition that is adapted to adhere to a contacting insect and be carried off by the insect for reaction with the insect at a remote location.

14. The insect control member as in claim 1, wherein the insect-interactive material comprises mineral oil.

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15. The insect control member as in claim 1, further comprising a first fastener on one side of the folding axis adapted to engage with a second fastener on another side of the folding axis so that connection of the first and second fasteners maintains the disposable insect control member in the usable position and in an assembled configuration for seating on a vibration generator.

16. In combination, a vibration generator and an insect control member, comprising:

a vibration generator having a source of vibration;

an output surface coupled to the vibration generator, the output surface vibrating at a prescribed rate; and

an insect control member that is sized and shaped to seat snugly about at least a portion of the output surface such that the insect control member vibrates at the prescribed rate, the control member having an outer surface that includes an insect-interactive surfactant.